

BROOKVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Seagraves at 7:30 p.m. on March 18, 2008 in the City Council Chambers. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Members Cantrell, Duncan, Garber, Letner, Reel and Ullery; Manager Wright, Assistant Manager Sewert, Fire Chief Nickel, Police Chief Preston, Law Director Stephan and Director of Finance/Clerk Keaton were present.

Motion by Duncan, second by Reel to accept the Agenda as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Reel, second by Garber to accept the March 4, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Jeff Sewert, President of the Brookville Chamber of Commerce, requested authorization for the Brookville Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Downtown Brookville Block Party on Saturday, June 14 from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. The event will be held on Market Street between Mulberry and Sycamore Streets. The band will be staged just in front of the bikeway on Market Street. Mr. Sewert stated the Chamber is requesting that they be allowed to serve wine along with beer with the proper permits being obtained from the Division of Liquor Control.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to allow the Brookville Chamber of Commerce to hold their 6th Annual Downtown Block Party on Saturday, June 14 from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. with Market Street to be barricaded from Mulberry to the bikepath, including Sycamore Street at the alley, and with proper permits being obtained from the Division of Liquor Control. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported Council should have a copy of the 2007 Annual Report for their review. If Council should have any questions upon review, please contact the respective Department Head or him. Manager Wright stated if any citizen is interested in obtaining a copy of the 2007 Annual Report, please contact the front office. A copy is also available for review at the Brookville branch of the Montgomery County Public Library.

Manager Wright read aloud a letter from SSG Robert Shattuck, Jr. of the Ohio Army National Guard. The letter thanked Manager Wright for supporting their Mobilization Ceremony on January 4, 2008, by providing a very talented piper in Chief James Nickel. The Soldiers thoroughly enjoyed Chief Nickel's performance, and the Battery Commander was particularly impressed. SSG Shattuck concluded his letter stating the City's support of the Soldiers, the Unit, and the Ohio Army National guard is greatly appreciated.

Manager Wright thanked the Montgomery County Engineers, namely Tim Nelson, for all of their efforts in obtaining parts and assisting with the repair of a dump truck that recently broke down during the recent winter snow storm. Manager Wright stated Mr. Nelson went above and beyond, and it was greatly appreciated. Manager Wright commented the repaired snow plow was back on the road that very evening.

Manager Wright reported the Brookville VFW Post #3288 recently donated \$6,745 for the upgrade of Shelter #4 in Golden Gate Park, which will include insulation and sheeting for the ceiling and walls, new 100 amp electric service and electric heaters.

Manager Wright reported the City recently took delivery of a new police cruiser, which should be in service in approximately two weeks.

Manager Wright reported the fire tanker recently sold on GovDeals for \$8,050. The tanker was purchased by a Fire Department in Kansas.

Manager Wright requested approval to purchase an International chassis for the refuse body through the State of Ohio. Manager Wright reported the City will save quite a bit of money purchasing the chassis through the State of Ohio. Manager Wright reported the deadline to place the chassis order is March 31.

Motion by Garber, second by Ullery to allow Manager Wright to purchase an International chassis through the State of Ohio at a price not to exceed \$76,000 as requested by Manager Wright. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Wright reported he recently received information from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management that they will be participating with Governor Strickland on sponsoring Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 23-29, 2008. Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week is designed to educate residents about storm safety. Manager Wright reported the City will participate in the statewide drill, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26. The tornado sirens will sound at 9:50 a.m.

Manager Wright reported Payless announced last week that they will expand their operations in Brookville with the addition of 100 more new jobs by the end of the year. Manager Wright stated this is great news for Brookville.

Manager Wright requested an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter.

Mayor Seagraves thanked Manager Wright and the Service Department for their valiant snow removal efforts during the recent winter storm

Mayor Seagraves thanked Mr. Nelson and Joe Litvin of the Montgomery County Engineers for their assistance in helping the City get their snow plow back into service last weekend during the winter storm.

Fire Chief Nickel thanked Manager Wright and Assistant Manager Sewert for their assistance and support in allowing him to attend these types of events, as described in the letter that was read earlier by Manager Wright.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the Brookville Fire Department responded to a structure fire this weekend, which was in a very remote area of Perry Township. Fire Chief Nickel reported the new tanker and crews worked diligently to extinguish the fire.

Fire Chief Nickel reported the City may experience a temporary decline in EMS transport revenue, due to upgrading our EMS software, which should be completed shortly.

Police Chief Preston presented the Brookville Police Department Call Analysis for February 2008 and the Incident Log from March 4 to March 17. Police Chief Preston reported the Brookville Police Department responded to 164 Priority 1 calls, 242 Priority 2 calls and 113 Priority 3 calls during February. The Brookville Police Department handled a total of 1,148 calls year-to-date, which is an increase of 171 calls compared to this same time last year. Total reportable incidents are up 34, or 53.9% from this same time last year.

Police Chief Preston reported the Female Self Defense class began on March 10 with 14 registered participants. The class is scheduled for six weeks.

Police Chief Preston reported the Adult Easter Egg Scramble was held this past weekend with 199 participants.

Law Director Stephan commented proposed Resolution No. 08-13 through Resolution No. 08-15, which is on the Agenda this evening, pertains to the proposed annexation of 1.142 acres from Clay Township to the City of Brookville and involves two properties along East Upper Lewisburg-Salem Road, just east of Hunters Run. Law Director Stephan reported both residents signed petitions requesting city services.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to read proposed Resolution No. 08-13. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 08-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION REGARDING MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AREA CONTAINED IN A PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 1.142 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN CLAY TOWNSHIP, IF ANNEXATION OF SAID AREA TO THE CITY

OF BROOKVILLE IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.” All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to read proposed Resolution No. 08-14. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 08-14 entitled “A RESOLUTION REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUFFER WHEN MANDATED BY OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 709.023 IN THE EVENT THAT THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 1.142 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM CLAY TOWNSHIP, TO THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO IS APPROVED, AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.” All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Ullery, second by Garber to read proposed Resolution No. 08-15. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Reel, second by Duncan to accept the first reading, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 08-15 entitled “A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 1.142 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FROM CLAY TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF BROOKVILLE, OHIO AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.” All yeas, motion carried.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced she recently found information that supports the decline in Local Government Funds as reported at the last Council Meeting. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reported since July 2001, the three local distribution funds - the Local Government Fund (LGF), Local Government Revenue Assistance Fund (LGRAF), and the Library and Local Government Support Fund (LLGSF) - have been subject to a “freeze.” One major change is the discontinuation of distributions from the LGRAF beginning in January 2008. The LGF will receive amounts that previously would have gone to the LGRAF. Another major change is the restoration of the percentage of revenue funding method where the local funds will receive a percentage of all state General Revenue Fund tax sources, which will provide greater stability for the local funds. The announcement goes on to say that one result of transitioning from “freeze” funding to “percentage of revenue” funding will be a notable change in the flow of the monthly distributions. Finance Director/Clerk Keaton stated the calendar year-to-date 2008 distributions will not catch up to calendar year-to-date 2007 distributions until June 2008.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced the spring-edition of the City Newsletter was mailed out last week.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton announced the Community Park Cleanup Day has been rescheduled for April 5, due to poor weather conditions.

Finance Director/Clerk Keaton reminded everyone in attendance that the City of Vandalia will have representatives at the City Building on Friday, April 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 5 from 8:00 a.m. to noon to assist citizens with the preparation of their local income tax return.

Mayor Seagraves requested an Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter.

Motion by Garber, second by Duncan to go into Executive Session on a Real Estate Matter as requested by both Manager Wright and Mayor Seagraves. All yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Seagraves called Council back into Regular Session.

Law Director Stephan stated in 2007, the City of Brookville entered into an option to purchase real estate with Henry Joe Walker, Sr. There is currently 15.035 acres left to be purchased under this option, and the Administrative Staff is recommending exercising the option to purchase this acreage at this time.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to authorize the City Manager to exercise the option to purchase 15.035 acres from Henry Joe Walker, Sr. at a cost of \$30,000 per acre and to complete the purchase of said 15.035 acres. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Duncan, second by Garber to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.

Sonja M. Keaton, Clerk

David E. Seagraves, Mayor